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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS

REF: STATE 046674

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFO PER REFTEL TO FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DIRECTOR WATANABE WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. WATANABE SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO TREATMENT OF MINORITIES; WHICH WOULD PROVOKE QUESTIONS TO GOJ IF PUBLICIZED AND ASKED IF IT REFERRED TO KOREANS AND AINU. WATANABE NOTED THAT MOST KOREANS IN JAPAN WERE RESIDENT ALIENS RATHER THAN JAPANESE CITIZENS BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS DID NOT APPEAR RELEVANT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN-RIGHTS STATEMENT. WATANABE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF REFERENCE TO MINORITY GROUPS TO ASSIST FONOFF IN PREPARING FOR EXPECTED QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. (WE ASSUME REFERENCE IS INTENDED TO CULTURAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST KOREANS SINCE BURAKUMIN CONSTITUTE MORE THAN 1 PERCENT OF POPULATION). PLEASE ADVISE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE CAN TELL FONOFF THAT STANDARD FORMAT OF HUMAN-RIGHTS STATEMENT INCLUDED REFERENCE TO TREATMENT OF MINORITY GROUPS.

2. EMBASSY NOTES RE PART I THAT SINCE DRAFTING OF STATEMENT, NEW LIBERAL CLUB HAS EMERGED AS FIFTH OPPOSITION PARTY.

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